

City Council

Mission. The mission of the City Council is to provide policy direction for the City of Wichita in developing, implementing, and maintaining services to the citizens of Wichita.

Overview. The Council establishes policy direction for the City by enacting ordinances, laws, and policies, adopting the budget, levying taxes, and appointing members to citizen advisory boards and commissions. The seven-member Council is elected to four-year terms on a nonpartisan basis with staggered terms of office. Six Council members are elected by district, and the Mayor is elected at-large.



The City Council meets weekly to examine issues, set policy, and guide the development of the City.

Council members represent the City in several national and international organizations. Currently, the Mayor is

President of the National League of Cities (NLC), and two Council members are members of NLC committees. Additionally, the Mayor is a member of the U.S. conference of Mayors, and is on the Board of Directors of Public Technology Incorporated.

Wichita is an active participant in the Sister Cities International program. The program's goals include enriching community life through exhibits, tours, and exchanges; providing a setting for meeting community leaders from cities around the world; creating opportunities for cultural activities and exchanges; providing host families for visitors from Wichita's Sister Cities; and supporting student exchange programs for students from Wichita's Sister Cities.

Wichita's Sister Cities are Tlalnepantla and Cancun, Mexico, Orleans, France, and Kaifeng, China. Council members represent the City both when receiving visitors and when visiting Sister Cities.

Finance and Operations. The 1999 and 2000 budgets reflect modest increases, in recognition of the escalating demands placed upon elected officials.

Funds available for travel increase slightly due to the leadership positions the Mayor and Council members hold with the National League of Cities. The budget also includes funding for technology enhancements such as electronic mail and Internet access. Elected officials will now be able to communicate with other cities and national organizations electronically.

City Council Budget Summary

	1998 Actual	1999 Adopted	1999 Revised	2000 Adopted	2001 Approved
Personal Services	211,782	233,770	234,960	256,380	263,770
Contractual Services	53,907	49,340	70,250	77,940	77,940
Commodities	5,376	6,400	8,800	6,400	6,400
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0	0
Other	9,488	21,000	21,000	21,000	21,000
Total City Council Expenditures	280,554	310,510	335,010	361,720	369,110
Position Summary					
Total full-time	9	9	9	9	9
Total part-time	0	0	0	0	0
Total FTE	9	9	9	9	9